

EDITORIAL.

The present number is the first Quarterly part of Vol. III of the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

After careful consideration the council has decided to publish the magazine, for this year at any rate, in quarterly parts of not less than 48 pages. The scope of the publication has also been widened so as to include papers by members of the club upon the General Natural History of Canada, without being restricted as heretofore to this locality only.

It is hoped in this way largely to augment the usefulness of the Club, and at the same time to draw to our ranks naturalists from all parts of the Dominion.

It has been arranged by the leaders in the different branches to take charge of the weekly sub-excursions in the following rotation : the first Saturday in the month will be under the direction of the leaders in Geology; the second, of the Botanical leaders; the third, of those in Ornithology and Entomology ; and the fourth of Zoology and Conchology. The general Post Office will be as heretofore the rendezvous, and the start will be made every Saturday punctually at at 2 p.m.

When the General Monthly Excursion is held upon a Saturday it will take the place of the weekly sub-excursion.

The first General Excursion of the Club will be held this Spring on the 17th May, to Kingsmere in the Chelsea Mountains, and will be duly announced by circular.

The members are earnestly urged to consult with the leaders, without delay, as to the best means of carrying on effective study and useful investigation during the coming season.

We feel it our duty to call the attention of our readers to the advertisements, as we consider it incumbent upon the members of the club to patronize those firms which so materially assist us in carrying on our work.

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Editor.